Mountain Weather Forecast

South Grampian and Southeast Highlands

Including South and East Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire and Angus Hills, Ben Vrackie, Ben Lawers, Loch Tay and Ochils
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 12 Feb 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 13 Feb 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 11 Feb 2021 at 15:24 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold and very windy conditions next few days and transition to less cold weather later in weekend and early next week. Lower confidence on sleet/snow details Sunday and Monday.

Headline for Friday 12 Feb 2021: Scattered snow showers, mainly Aberdeen, Angus hills. Mainly dry, bright Southeast Highlands. Very cold everywhere with gales developing on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 12 Feb 2021

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers	Sunny intervals	Light snow showers	Light snow showers (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
20%	30%	40%	40%	20%	40%	30%	20%

Forecast for Friday 12 Feb 2021

Weather: Rather cloudy over Eastern Cairngorms, the Aberdeenshire and Angus hills with scattered snow showers during the day. A few showers will be heavier with temporary blizzard conditions possible. Also strong winds will lead to drifting and blowing of the lying snow. Further south towards the Ochils, and the Ben Lawers group, it will be dry with sunny spells, the sunshine producing glare from lying snow.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%.

Visibility: Generally good but occasionally very poor visibility as snow showers pass by. Clouds briefly lowering to 600m. Also blowing snow in some areas will result in whiteout conditions.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	29/35 SE	32/38 SE	33/40 SE	35/43 SE	37/46 SE	39/49 SE	41/53 S	45/58 S	47/61 S
900	18/23 SE	24/30 SE	23/30 SE	27/35 SE	29/38 SE	30/40 SE	31/43 S	33/47 S	34/48 S
600	8/16 SE	13/24 SE	13/24 SE	18/30 SE	21/33 SE	21/35 SE	23/38 S	26/43 S	24/42 S
300	3/8 E	6/16 E	7/16 SE	9/20 SE	9/19 SE	8/20 SE	7/18 SE	10/25 SE	10/25 S
Glen	4/11 E	8/16 E	8/17 E	8/19 SE	10/19 SE	9/20 SE	8/19 SE	8/20 SE	10/23 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	-8/-18	-8/-18	-8/-19	-8/-19	-8/-20	-8/-20	-8/-21	-9/-22	-10/-24
900	-6/-15	-6/-15	-6/-15	-6/-16	-6/-16	-6/-16	-6/-17	-7/-18	-8/-19
600	-5/-10	-4/-11	-4/-11	-4/-12	-4/-12	-4/-12	-4/-13	-5/-14	-6/-15
300	-6/-9	-4/-7	-4/-8	-3/-7	-1/-6	-2/-6	-4/-8	-3/-8	-4/-9
Glen	-5/-8	-3/-7	-3/-7	-2/-6	-0/-5	-1/-5	-2/-6	-2/-6	-2/-7
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling bitterly cold with strong to gale force winds and temperatures well below freezing.

Forecast for Saturday 13 Feb 2021

Weather: The mainly dry and very cold, windy weather looks set to continue for one more day with just a few snow flurries. There will be plenty of sunshine in the morning then clouding over in southwest during afternoon. Strong winds will continue to cause problems with blowing and drifting snow.

Maximum wind: Southeasterly gales, average speeds on higher ridges and summits of 30 to 40mph and gusts 50 to 60mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80%

Visibility: Mainly good but areas of blowing snow will result in whiteout conditions. Increasing cloud cover will be above most of the tops,

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 6 Celsius rising to plus 1 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 7 Celsius.
Freezing level: Temperatures below freezing at most levels.

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